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Introduction

Hello, and welcome reader, to a special holiday *Curious Items* product. The *Curious Items* line of products is dedicated to expanding on what we view as underutilized or new magic item types. For any game master that has ever heard his players say things like “not another X,” “Now we can all have one” or “I bet that’s X,” this book series is for you.

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Irene hurried through the great hall to reach the church of the Stone Maiden. Tonight was the most important night of her young life and she was running late. It was the Maiden’s Light celebration and she had been chosen to lead the procession. That meant she got to wear the most important crown - the radiant crown - that protected the village and bathed it in the Maiden’s blessing. Irene flew up the church’s stairs and almost tumbled into the head priestess on the other side of the door.

The old priestess welcomed Irene to the church and told her to relax as she guided the girl to the changing room. The old priestess then reminded the girl to stand straight and walk slowly, leading the procession with grace and poise, before turning and returning to the gathering of priestesses at the front of the church. Irene steadied her nerves and went to change into her gown and the radiant crown.

Maiden's Radiant Crown

Description: The Maiden's Radiant Crown appears to be a golden crown that is wrapped in ivy and a red silk ribbon. The circumference of the crown has six evenly-spaced candle holders attached to it and a central candle holder placed in the center of the crown. The candle holders have tall white tapers set in them that appear to have been used before.

Use: When the crown is placed on the head and the candles lit they radiate an orb of magical light with a 60 ft. radius. All Dwarves or worshipers of the Stone Maiden that stand in this magic light are affected by a *Bless* spell from the Maiden. The candles in the crown never appear to burn down but are still susceptible to wind and water like normal candles.

History: The Crown was created by the priestess Petra Stronghead, a member of a clan of Dwarves that lived in the Broken Spine Mountains in the cold north, as both a defensive weapon and a symbol of devotion. A clan of Orcs that were worshipers of the Night Queen also lived in these mountains and clashed often with Petra's clan. As followers of the Night Queen the orcs found the Maiden's Light anathema to them and regularly raided and disrupted the celebration. These raids are what prompted Petra to create the first Maiden's Radiant Crown.

Since Petra created the first Maiden's Radiant Crown she has taught other priestesses to create the crowns. Today most churches of the Stone Maiden have one of these crowns and usually the first girl in the procession wears it. In some communities there is a competition held to determine who is the lead girl and wears the Maiden's Radiant Crown.

Statistics: Moderate Evocation; CL 4th; Craft Wondrous Item, *Light*, *Bless*, 1,000 gp.; Weight 1 lb..



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